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## Patterson: Show Your Support with Merit Scholar Bumper Stickers

**LANSING** – Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, today announced that “Proud Parent of a Merit Scholar” bumper stickers are now available to Michigan Merit Award Scholarship winners in the 7<sup>th</sup> District.

“This award impacts a large number of students in my district who work hard in school and want to further their education. Last year alone, more than 1,700 students in the 7<sup>th</sup> District were awarded \$4,380,000 through the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship,” Patterson said. “Not only does the scholarship encourage students to work hard, it rewards their meritorious accomplishment.

“As the presiding officer in the House when the Merit bill passed, I take exceptional pride in the success of the Merit program.”

As the originator of the bumper sticker idea, Sen. Patterson encourages parents to support their child’s achievement by placing a Merit bumper sticker on their vehicle. Please contact Sen. Patterson’s office by calling the toll-free number (866) 262-7307, or by e-mail at [SenBPatterson@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenBPatterson@senate.michigan.gov) to obtain a sticker. Quantities are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Michigan Merit Award Scholarship Program has helped more than 140,000 students make college more affordable since the program was created through Republican leadership in 2000.